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Mr. Walter Chuck, Commissioner, Position 1  
600 SE Bay Boulevard  
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Dear Mr. Chuck and other Port of Newport Commissioners and Lincoln County Commissioners:

I am writing to ask that you do not delay and vote to build the International Terminal Shipping Facility today. As a Small Woodland Owner in Lincoln County, I first heard of this opportunity to expand the port's ability to improve the shipping and revenue opportunities about 5 years ago when the Teevin Brothers gave a presentation at our annual Lincoln County Small Woodland Owner's Association meeting. Building this facility will not only bring new jobs and revenue to our county, but will also benefit those of us whose forestlands are diversified so that we raise not only Douglas Fir, the preferred wood here in the States, but also hardwoods such as Spruce and Hemlock. These are in high demand in the Asian market, and selling to them would not impact mill jobs here, but would allow increased revenue to those of us who harvest these trees. This is not only because there is a ready market for these, but also because there are no mills in the county where these can be shipped and sold, making the hauling costs much greater than would be the case if these logs were transported to the shipping facility in Newport. It also would mean less impact on county roads and less pollution and possible accidents. I have followed the progress towards building this facility, the concerns about traffic, noise, marine life, etc. and it seems that the Teevin Brothers and others who have committed business to this new facility have been willing to make the necessary adjustments to meet these objections.

In addition to the willingness of interested businesses to accommodate and work with the City of Newport, the Newport Port Commissioners and the County Commissioners, they have also listened to the objections of local fishermen and crabbers and are willing to work around their busy fishing schedules, thus maximizing the use of the port throughout the year. This will bring increased revenue and the ability to improve existing port facilities while maintaining present jobs and industries and creating new ones. It will bring much needed revenue to our county as well that will benefit all county citizens as this revenue can be utilized to improve infrastructure and the education of our future citizens. Beyond that, any international trade we do will mean lowering our nation's trade deficit.

I urge you to vote now to move forwards with building this facility before the 2 million dollar TIGER Grant from the US Department of Transportation given specifically to help development in rural areas and the 4 million dollars for Connect Oregon funds from ODOT which are to invest in the Terminal are withdrawn and this window of opportunity for improving the Port of Newport and quality of life within the county and state closes. Obviously, this project is important and supported not only by vested businesses, but also on a statewide basis. Put Newport and Lincoln County on the map as a reliable source of quality timber, agricultural, and fishery products for Asian

and other oversea markets.

Sincerely,

Annabelle Morgan, Lincoln County Small Woodland Owner  
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